



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR  
WOMEN**

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**Monday, December 9, 2013**

**10:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-5798)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

Call to Order. (13-4319)

**President Veda E. Ward called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m., and welcomed Commissioners and guests to the meeting.**

**Commissioner Carolyn Hyatt-Aoki joined the meeting at 10:18 a.m.**

Present: President Veda E. Ward Ph.D., Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Treasurer Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Dora de la Rosa,, Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Excused: Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D. and Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of October 28, 2013. (13-5343)

**On motion of Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, seconded by Commissioner Olivia Rodriguez, unanimously carried, this item was approved.**

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2. Discussion and approval of a donation request in an amount not to exceed \$1100 to REACH, to offset the cost of the "Annual March for the Missing" event to be held on April 26, 2014, by Ronda Hampton, Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist and co-founder of REACH non-profit organization. (Continued from the October 28, 2013 meeting) (13-4065)

During discussion Treasurer Charlotte Lesser expressed concern that the \$1100 donation requested by REACH would fully finance their April 26, 2014 "March for the Missing" event. In addition, she stated the event would bring attention and awareness to the issue of missing women. Therefore, Treasurer Lesser made a suggestion to amend the donation amount from \$1100 to \$500.

Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez seconded Treasurer Charlotte Lesser's motion and added the \$500 is to be used for promotional written materials and other expenses.

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin made a friendly amendment to include the Commission for Women's Logo to all written materials to acknowledge the Commission's support of the event and providing valuable exposure to the Commission.

Commissioners commented on this item.

After further discussion, and at the suggestion of Treasurer Charlotte Lesser, seconded and amended by Vice President Shevlin and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez, unanimously carried, this item was approved as follows:

Donation approved for \$500  
Promotional written materials  
Include Commission for Women Logo

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3. Discussion and approval of the Commission for Women's 2014 meeting schedule. (13-5274)

On motion of Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, seconded by Commissioner Olivia Rodriguez, unanimously carried, this item was approved pending clarification on November 3, 2014 meeting.

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## II. REPORTS

4. President's Report for November and December 2013. (13-5348)

President Veda E. Ward, reported that on Saturday, December 7, 2013 she participated in a successful "Community PLAY Day" event at

**California State University of Northridge. In addition, she stated another "Community PLAY Day" event is being considered for the spring of 2014. She urged Commissioners to pencil the event on their calendars and participate.**

**Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.**

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**5. Treasurer's Report as of November 2013. (13-5349)**

**Treasurer Charlotte Lesser requested that this item be continued to the January 2014 meeting.**

**Therefore, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to the January 13, 2014 meeting without discussion.**

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**6. Report on the Ad-Hoc and Standing Committees' meetings as submitted by Committee members:**

- Luncheon Committee
- Public Relations/Social Media (13-5347)

**Luncheon Committee:**

**Vice President Becky A. Shevlin reported the following from the December 4, 2013 Luncheon Committee's teleconference meeting:**

- **The Biltmore Hotel and the Patina at the Music Center are finalists to host the 2014 Women of the Year Awards and Scholarship event;**
- **The Committee is seeking volunteers to serve as Mistress of Ceremonies (MC) and to do the Invocation;**
- **Selection of the MC and awardees to be completed by late December 2013 and early January 2014;**
- **Awardees will be asked to submit their bio and speech prior to the event;**
- **Emma De Jesus, Commission Services staff, will update the Commission for Women's website with the Women of the Year Nomination information; and**

- Full payment for all event tickets must be received prior to staff confirming reservation requests; and
- Awardees will be asked to submit their bio and speech prior to the event.

Commissioner Norma Gallegos suggests having a disclaimer regarding payments and reservations included on the invitations.

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. recommends that each Commissioner get at least one person from their constituent group to attend the event.

Staff was instructed to forward nomination information to all Commissioners.

Public Relations/Social Media Committee:

Emma De Jesus, Commission Services staff, reported that the contract to change the Commission's logo has expired.

Vice President Shevlin stated because of this, no further action will be taken to change the logo.

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D., Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Treasurer Charlotte Lesser and Commissioners commented on this item.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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7. Staff Report by Emma De Jesus. (13-5368)

Emma De Jesus, Commission Services staff, reported that the First Supervisorial District has a new appointee, Ana Maria Garcia. In addition, she reported that she will work with Ms. Garcia to ensure all necessary paperwork is completed and turned in to Human Resources, in advance of the January 2014 meeting. Additionally, she reported that no Commissioner expressed their interest in attending the January 2014 Women's Policy Summit, to be held in Sacramento, CA.

President Veda E. Ward stated that she expressed interest in attending the Summit, and inquired whether flying out of Burbank is permissible with the new travel protocol in place.

Emma De Jesus, Commission Services staff, responded, informing the Commission that travel must originate from Los Angeles International Airport.

President Veda E. Ward directed Roy Sinclair, Commission Services staff, to provide information regarding the ACCW meeting to be held at Loyola Marymount University in January 2014.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.

### **III. DISCUSSION**

8. Discussion by President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. of initiatives introduced at the National Association of Commissions for Women Annual Conference and Business meeting in Los Angeles, California. (Continued from the meetings of 08/12/13, 09/09/13 and 10/28/13) (13-3190)

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D., reported that she forwarded to the Commissioners various emails and communications regarding initiatives derived from the National Association of Commissions for Women's Annual Conference and Business meeting. She also reported that the 2014 National Conference will be held in Miami, Florida, and the Commission should consider having representation at the conference. In addition, the upcoming local Association of California Commissions for Women's meeting will provide opportunities to connect the Los Angeles County Commission for Women's Annual Awards Luncheon with women, and various groups and organizations. This falls in line with the Commission's goals to connect with and be more visible in the Community.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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**IV. PRESENTATION**

9. Presentation on the history of the City of Los Angeles' Commission on the Status of Women, and partnership opportunities, by Farrah Parker, M.A., Executive Director, City of Los Angeles Commission on the Status of Women. (13-5224)

**Treasurer Charlotte Lesser provided background information on the what the City of Los Angeles had to do in order to maintain a City of Los Angeles Commission on the Status of Women.**

**After discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was continued a future meeting.**

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**V. MISCELLANEOUS**

10. Commissioners' Announcements for November and December 2013. (13-5346)

**The following announcements were made by Commissioners:**

**Vice President Becky A. Shevlin announced that the Children and Families Commission is currently addressing a challenging Request for Proposal (RFP) contract. She also reported that as a result of the extension in the number of years young women are allowed to stay in foster care, the number of children in the foster care system continues to grow, because some of these young women are having babies. On October 31, 2013 she attended Healthy Aging through Community Partnership, and noted it was well attended and very informative.**

**Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez announced the Department of Children and Family Services Director Phillip Browning appointed Jennifer Hottenroth as liaison to the Domestic Violence Council. She will work closely with Ms. Hottenroth regarding the nexus between domestic violence, child abuse and neglect. She will meet with Ms. Hottenroth next week to discuss domestic violence training for employees; she and hopes to have Ms. Hottenroth as a presenter at a future Commission meeting.**

Commissioner Norma Gallegos announced she continues to work in the community and run a food bank assisting over 300 families in need. On December 14, 2013, the Third District's Cold Weather Shelter will be open to the homeless. The shelter is typically geared in assisting adults; however, assistance is available for families as well. Case management provides motel vouchers on a temporary basis in an effort to place families in temporary and permanent housing.

Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt complemented Treasurer Charlotte Lesser on her work within the community, and look forward to working with her on a more active basis.

Commissioner Dora de la Rosa announced she is doing Pro Bono mediation two days a week. On Tuesday, she mediates landlord - tenant disputes and unlawful detainer hearings at the Long Beach Courthouse. Thursdays, she mediates civil hearings involving restraining orders relating to domestic violence, at the Torrance Courthouse. She is also serving on State Assemblymember for Rancho Palos Verdes, Al Muratsuchi's South Bay Panel of Distinguish Women.

Treasurer Charlotte Lesser announced that she agreed to Chair the May 2014 "Go Red" Luncheon event. Jessica St. John, Office of Women's Health, has retired. She recommends sending a letter of appreciation to Ms. St. John for her connection and many years of support of the Commission. Attended an event at Torrance Memorial Medical Center, where a local support group of the hospital donated a \$50 million endowment. She concluded by saying she will serve on the Torrance Memorial Medical Center Board of Directors, and reminded the Commission that it's time to create a Nominating Committee for the selection of Commission Officers.

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D., announced the Promising Practices Summit at the California Endowment, and at CSUN Brown Center the Healthy Aging population will promote healthy living for a aging population. Her recent trip to Cuba was an eye opening experience.

President Veda E. Ward acknowledged Ms. N'Nette Williams and Ms. Rhonda Rangel of Commission Services.

**Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission regarding Blue Ribbon Commission's challenges in addressing the current foster care system.**

**Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.**

**Matters Not Posted**

- 11.** Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-3201)

**The following item was introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda for consideration at a future meeting.**

- 11-A.** Recommendation as submitted by Commissioner Charlotte Lesser: Discussion and approval of a Nominating Committee for 2014. (13-5851)

**On motion of Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, and by common consent, there being no objection, this item was introduced for discussion and placed on the agenda of January 13, 2014.**

**Public Comment**

- 12.** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-5345)

**Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission regarding current issues with the health care system. She shared several articles authored by her with the Commission. Additionally, she brought to the Commission's attention the Brown Act rules regarding meeting cancellation.**

**Dr. Clavreul stated that she will forward additional information regarding the articles to staff for distribution to the Commissioners.**

**Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.**



**Adjournment**

13. Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, December 9, 2013. (13-5344)

**On motion of Commissioner Olivia Rodriguez, seconded by Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m., in memory of Commissioner Carolyn Hyatt-Aoki's sister, Dona Holzer.**

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